(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (e) Eighteen (18) notices, as per the statement attached have been served by the Litigation Section on the residents of Govt. houses in Sector VII, R.K. Puram under Dte. of Estates.

Such notices are served after verification of name and address etc. from the respective Allotment Sections.

Statement

S.No.	S/Shri	Premises No.		Reasons for Cancellation
1.	Kishan Chand	S-VII/822,	R.K. Puram	Retaining two Quarters.
2.	Hazari Lal	S-VII/650,	-do-	Subletting
3.	Charan Singh	S-VII/570,	-do-	-do-
4.	Jai Narain	S-VII/582,	-do-	-do-
5.	Dev Das	S-VII/578,	-do-	-do-
6.	Meena Lal	S-VII/883,	-do-	-do-
7.	Tara Chand	S-VII/928,	-do-	-do-
8.	Smt. Angoori Devi	S-VII/862,	-do-	-do-
9.	Smt. Phalguni Devi	S-VII/670,	-do-	-do-
10.	R.N. Roy	S-VII/50,	-do-	Retirement
11.	S.L. Tiwari	S-VII/254,	-do-	-do-
12.	Peera Singh	S-VII/387,	-do-	-do-
13.	S.K. Bajaj	S-VII/288,	-do-	Subletting
14.	Shyam Singh	S-VII/500,	-do-	-do-
15.	Family of Late Sh. Satya Singh	S-VII/360,	-do-	Death
16.	B.S. Rawat	S-VII/1196,	-do-	Retirement
17.	Niranjan Ghosh	S-VII/983,	-do-	Subletting
18.	O.M. Prabhawati	S-VII/453,	-do-	Subletting

Note:- All of these quarters are General Pool quarters.

Indian Festival in Rusaia

6065. SHRI VIJAY ANNAJI MUDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether without permission of Chairman and without inviting tenders, Indian Council for Cultural Relations spent Rs. 30 lakhs on the purchase of international air tickets through M/s. Inter Line Travels Ltd. for Indian festival in Russia; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The programme to hold the "Days of Indian Culture in Russia" was approved by the President of the ICCR as well as the Governing Body/General Assembly and was included in ICCR's Plan of Action for 1996-97.

The Council has its own panel of Travel Agents and the work is required to be done from any of these firms. The travel arrangements for the "Days of Indian Culture in Russia" were given to M/s Interline who are empanelled with the Council and had quoted the lowest rates.

The budget allocated for the international travel for the "Days of Indian Culture in Russia" was Rs. 48,51,000/- and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 30,17,174/- which was well within the approved budget estimates.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-US Talks

6066. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has invited him for visit and having discussions with the US counterpart;

(b) if so, whether the visit was cancelled due to uncertainty in the Government;

(c) if so, whether any further date has been fixed for the visit; and

(d) if so, what is the date and time fixed for the next visit.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d) A visit by the External Affairs Minister was being planned for some time in April, 1997. The precise dates were to be determined by consultations. It was decided to postpone the visit for a more convenient time for both sides.

[Translation]

Water Supply in Maharashtra

6067. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of drinking water in Maharashtra;

(b) the total shortage in its supply;

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation;

(d) whether the World Bank has provided any special project loan for improving the water supply position; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Since drinking water supply is a State subject, necessary steps are required to be taken by the concerned State Governments and implementing agencies to provide safe and adequate water supply. The total requirement and shortage of drinking water in each State is not being monitored by this Ministry.

(d) and (e) The World Bank has provided loan assistance for improving the water supply position in Maharashtra. A list of such projects assisted by the World Bank is given in the attached statement.

Statement

List of water supply and sanitation projects assisted by the World Bank in Maharashtra

S.No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in crores)	Assistance (US$ million)	Year of completion
1	2	3	4	5
1.	I Bombay WS & S	185.00	55.00	1981
2.	Maharashtra WS & S	86.00	48.00	1985
3.	II Bombay WS & S	640.00	136.00	1988
4.	III Bombay WS & S	915.00	145.00	1996
5.	Maharashtra Rural WS&S	319.58	109.90	31.12.97

[English]

Fiscal Deficit

6068. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal deficit as percentage of GDP on Ist July and January during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to control the same and with what success;

(c) whether the rate of growth of industry and revenue collections shown a downward trend; and

(d) if so, the comparative figures for the last three years ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Comparison of fiscal deficit of GDP is done on annual basis. The details for the last three years are as under:-

Year	Fiscal Deficit (Rs. crore)	% of Fiscal Deficit to GDP
1994-95	57703	6.1
1995-96	60243	5.5
1996-97 (RE)	63131	5.0

The fiscal deficit in 1997-98 (BE) has been kept at Rs. 65454 crore which is 4.5% of the GDP. Government would endeavour to contain the fiscal deficit by controlling expenditure and increasing non-debt receipts.

(c) and (d) The details are as under:-

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Tax Revenue (net to Centre) (Rs. crore)	67454	81939	*97212
Rate of growth in index of industrial production(%)	9.4	11.6	**7.5

* Revised estimates

** Quick estimates for the period April, 1996 to January, 1997.